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Sir Barton Is Gaining In Favor

Canadian-Owned Horse Compared With The Great Colin and Sysonby

New York, May 28.—Sport writers of the Metropolis are awakening to the great possibilities of Sir Barton, J. K. L. Ross's sterling three-year-old performer. His steady capture of feature races is being commented on widely in New York sporting pages. James P. Sinnott, in the Evening Mail, today says: "J. K. L. Ross's Sir Barton is the new idol of the turf. It would not be surprising if he soon attained a place in the affections of the racing public such as Sysonby and the mighty Colin held in the olden golden days."

Local turf enthusiasts, of course, had read of Sir Barton's great victories in the Kentucky Derby, and the Preakness. But they had not seen him on a local track since he ran second to Dunboyne, in the Futurity of 1918, until he went to the post in the Withers on Saturday, at Belmont Park.

There were many who were skeptical of the greatness of Sir Barton, despite his two victories in the highest three-year-old races of the spring. There

was a hot tip around Belmont Park on Saturday that Eternal would come through and take the Ross star's measure in the Withers. The general public, however, had faith in Sir Barton and even greater faith in Johnny Loftus, who was to ride him. Sir Barton closed at 7 to 20, while Eternal was 8 to 1.

As the race was run, it is hard to say whether Sir Barton or his great jockey deserved the public's confidence the most. Sir Barton ran a wonderful race. But he was superbly handled all the way by Loftus.

Loftus was certainly a much better rider than Schuttlinger, who rode Eternal in the Withers, than Sir Barton was a better horse than the McClellan star. In the first place, despite the fact that the field was small and that he had the good fortune to draw the rail position, Schuttlinger was asleep on Eternal when the barrier went up. He, therefore, had to rush Eternal along at the start in order to avoid losing the rail and getting shut out on the turn.

Loftus, on the other hand, broke Sir Barton in front of the field. Then, when Eternal came sprinting along he rated the Ross colt in second place until the head of the stretch. As soon as Johnny called on Sir Barton he went to the front. He was fresh and full of running, as the fact that he finished the mile in 1:38.4-5 over a slow and sloppy track will attest.



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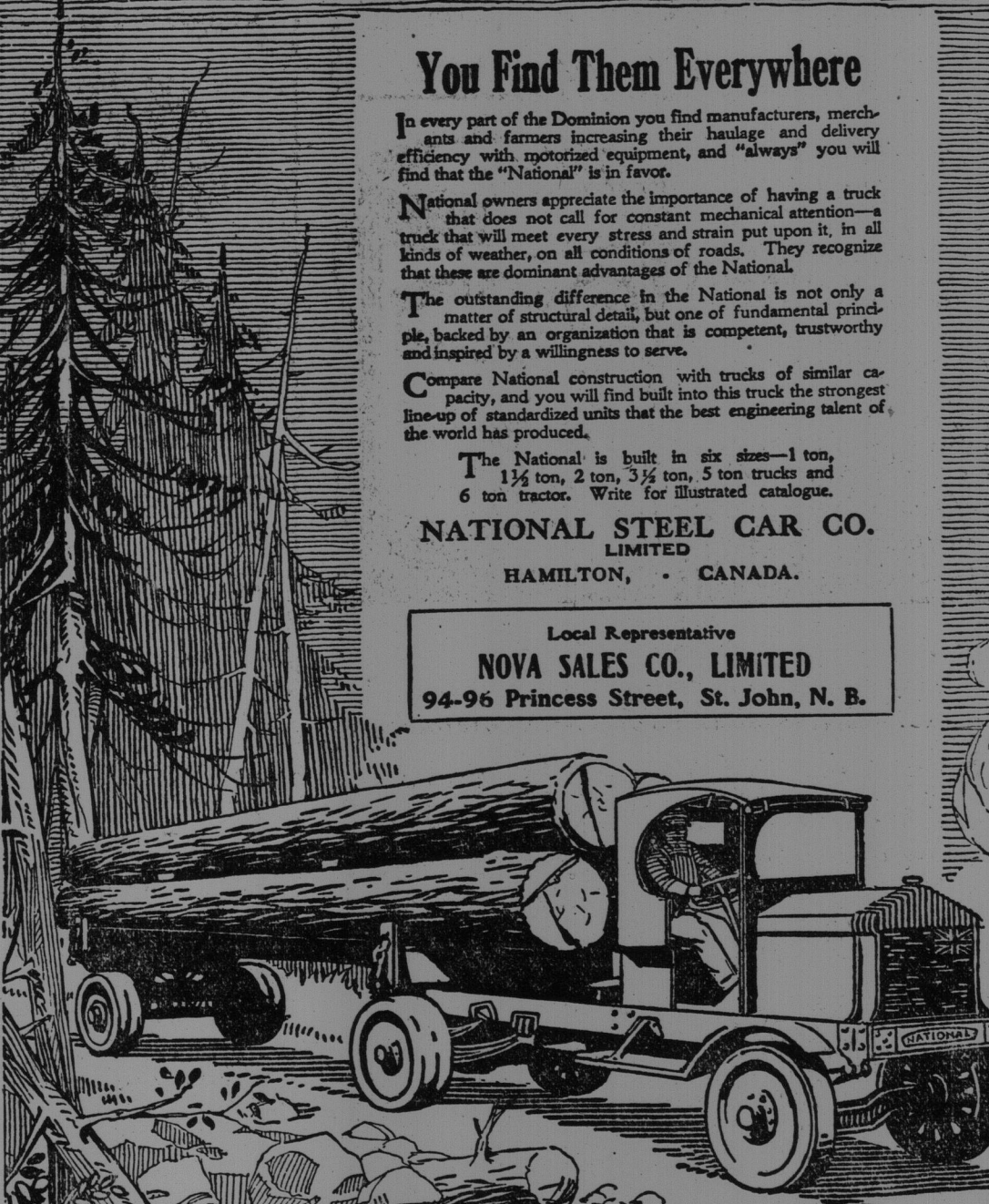
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